Production from marginal oil fields

†2218. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the past a number of marginal oil fields for crude production were allotted to ONGC;

(b) if so, the total number of such marginal oil fields and out of them the number of oil fields estimated to be used as storage;

(c) when this allotment was made; and

(d) whether production has been started in these oil fields and if so, when production was started and the average annual production of different products alongwith the details of each product?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) ONGC has discovered a number of oil and gas fields in on-shore and off-shore areas which have limited aerial extent and in place volumes. These fields are called marginal oil fields. No oil field was alloted to ONGC as a marginal oil field.

(b) to (d) Do not arise in view of (a) above.

Expenditure involved in KG basin discovery

2219. SHRI CHITTABRATA MAJUMDAR:
SHRI TAPAN KUMAR SEN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the status of gas availability from KG basin D6 gas discovery;

(b) the quantum of gas output/day and capital expenditure envisaged and approved by Director General of Hydrocarbon for the above;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) whether there is any proposal to increase the capital expenditure and enhance gas output from the field; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) Commercial product of gas @ 40 MMSCMD from D-6 discovery in KG basin is scheduled to commence from June, 2008 with a capital expenditure of US$ 2.47 billion as per approved development plan.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. Consortium of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) and Niko has submitted addendum to the development plan which envisages increase in production from 40 to 80 MMSCMD and increased in capital expenditure from US$ 2.47 billion to 8.84 Billion.

Russia's participation in Iran Pipeline Project

2220. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA:
SHRIMATI SHOBHANA BHARTIA:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether during the visit to Russia the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas took up the issue of increased cooperation between Indian oil companies and their Russian counterparts;

(b) if so, whether Russian Minister assured him of a favourable consideration of the Indian interest;

(c) whether Russia has agreed to be a part of Iran Pipeline Project and has proposed to participate in future talks between Indo-Pak-Iran;

(d) if so, whether all the three countries have agreed for participation of Russia in the Project; and

(e) if so, by when a final decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Yes, Sir. During the visit of Minister of Petroluem and Natural Gas to Moscow to participate in the